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SUBJECT: SLOVENIA LIKELY TO FOLLOW EU CONSENSUS ON EU-SYRIA
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11. (C) On January 9, Emboff met with Miljan Majhen, MFA Near East Section, to urge Slovenia to withhold approval of the EU-Syria Association Agreement (reftel). Majhen said that Slovenia did not attach great significance to the accord, which was just "updating a technical economic agreement." He noted, however, that Slovenia would consider U.S. arguments for delaying approval. He added that Slovenia did not have a big economic exchange with Syria. Majhen indicated that other EU member states with greater stakes would drive the discussion.

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